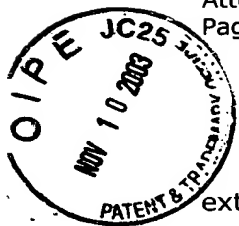


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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

The Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for reply to the Office Action dated May 6, 2003 for three months from August 6, 2003 to November 6, 2003. Accompanying this petition is a check for \$950.00 to cover the cost of extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account number 4-2219 referencing our docket number 5746.

Respectfully submitted,

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